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SHERIFF

May 6, 1943

Mr. Effa Manley  
Newark Eagles  
71 Crawford Street  
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Manley:

I have delayed answering your letter of April 15th inviting me to be your guest at the opening game of the Negro National League baseball season at Ruppert Stadium on Sunday afternoon, May 16th, believing that it might be possible for me to accept.

However, I find that a service dedication in my home town of South Orange takes place that afternoon and it is necessary that I be present.

I thank you for thinking of me and trust you will have a successful season.

Sincerely yours,

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GEORGE H. BECKER  
Sheriff